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Plant 25X1

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- 25X1 1. The Five-Year Plan provides for the construction of a thermo electric plant at Velenje, where it can use the lignite (brown coal, wood coal) mined in Velenje itself. According to the plan, the power capacity of this plant will be 200,000 kilowatts.\*
2. The Gradis construction enterprise began the construction in 1948 and laid the concrete foundations. At this time Czechoslovakia, which was supposed to furnish all the machinery including the boilers, turbines, and generators, cancelled the delivery.
3. At present, work has been halted and the construction has been temporarily cancelled by the Planning Commission. However, it is expected that the whole project will be revived when the new Edvard Kardelj factory in Karlovac begins producing steam turbines.
4. There is at present a small thermo-electric plant in Velenje, producing not more than 120 kilowatts. This plant furnishes electricity to the small town as well as power for the coal mine.
5. The coal mine, according to plan, is to have a daily production of about one hundred and fifty cars. However, production is less because of a lack of workers and modern installations. The mine has two pits which have recently been connected by a 1,200 meter tunnel. A third pit is being opened and its capacity should be about seven hundred cars daily.

25X1 Comment: The figure of 200,000 kilowatts appears out of proportion to the capacity of this plant which uses lignite as fuel.

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